

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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BUDGETS

HB 4887 (Moolenaar)

The School Aid budget makes appropriations to the state's 552 local school districts, 216 public school academies, and 57 intermediate school districts for operations and certain categorical programs. It also appropriates funds to the Center for Education Performance, Department of Labor and Economic Growth, and other entities to implement certain grants and other programs related to K-12 education.

• The Senate adopted the Conference Report to HB 4887 [RC 440: 36 yes, 0 no].

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SB 130 (Sanborn)

SB 130 prohibit a person who was convicted of a sex offense from serving as a coach on an independent youth athletic team based in Michigan, unless the person disclosed to the team's sanctioning organization that he or she had been convicted of a listed offense. A violation of the proposed act would be a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$500.

- Sanborn 2 (S-1) was adopted [no RC]. This would return the bill to its original language. Sanborn: The House-version is Constitutionally flawed.
- The Senate concurred with the House changes to SB 130, as amended by the Senate [RC 439: 36 yes, 0 no]. Immediate Effect was given to the bill.

THIRD READING

HB 4143-44 (Moolenaar)

HBs 4143-44 would prohibit fifth-year high school students from participating in state programs which pay for college and technical education.

Support: Department of Education, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel -- Michigan's dual enrollment program, funded through the School Aid Fund, was not intended to subsidize the higher education of fifth year high school students. Currently, there are a few reports that fifth year secondary students are using the program in this manner. To curtail the possible widespread use of the school aid fund to pay for students' postsecondary education, this legislation should be adopted.

HB 4143:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- Kuipers 1A was adopted.
- HB 4143 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4144:

- Committee 1 (S-2) was adopted.
- Kuipers 1A was withdrawn.
- Kuipers 1B was adopted.
- HB 4144 was moved to 3rd Reading.

HB 4588 (Van Regenmorter)

HB 4588 would require crime victims to receive notification of escapes, transfers, releases, etc. of defendants who have been declared not guilty by reason of insanity but have been placed in a hospital or facility for treatment. Another significant change is to clarify that restitution is also to be ordered in cases in which the defendant receives a deferred or dismissed sentence. The bill would also tighten the act's "son of Sam" provisions, which prohibits a defendant from profiting from the crime. In addition to current prohibitions, the bill would prohibit the sale of memorabilia of the defendant or the crime, or the sale of any of the defendant's property that has only become valuable because of the notoriety attached to the crime

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted.
- HB 4588 was moved to 3rd Reading.